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**THE WEATHER**  
Forecast for Virginia: Fair, followed by slight showers.

## A Man

WITH DOLLARS in his pocket is entitled to go on the market this year and expect demonstration of honest value before he buys a bicycle. Specious promises of inherent goodness underlying a glittering surface of enamel and nickel used to do the business, but not now. The process of separating the keen buyer from his money is not difficult to dealers in Cleveland and Westfield bicycles, as the Burwell dust-proof bearing, the Cleveland chain and Cleveland detachable cross thread tire are convincing arguments.

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**MANY NAVAL ORDERS.**  
Washington, March 10.—The following naval orders have been issued: Commander E. O. Matthews, chief bureau yards and docks; Captains N. H. Farquhar and A. Kantz, Assistant Engineer C. G. Price and Past Assistant Engineer Bergdoff are ordered to examination preliminary to promotion to the next higher grade. Lieutenant J. A. Nickels is ordered to the New York navy yard in place of Lieutenant Commander J. B. Briggs detached as executive officer of the Marblehead, in turn relieving Lieutenant Commander C. G. Bowman, granted three months' leave. Dr. James C. Pryor has been commissioned as the surgeon.

Don't forget the musicale at the Christian Church to-morrow night.

## WELCOME TO ROANOKE.

The Twenty-ninth Virginia Conference Convenes To-day.

REV. S. A. BALL PREACHED THE OPENING SERMON AT LEE STREET M. E. CHURCH LAST NIGHT—THE CONFERENCE WILL BE IN SESSION FIVE DAYS—MANY DELEGATES ON THE GROUND READY FOR WORK.

The twenty-ninth Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene this morning at 9 o'clock in the Lee Street M. E. Church.

The city is already assuming a ministerial air, there being about fifty members of the conference here. More are expected to arrive this morning on the early train.

The opening sermon was preached last night by Rev. S. A. Ball, of Falls Church, Va. His text was: Romans, I:16, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is a power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believes it."

Rev. Mr. Ball preached a powerful and instructive sermon. He is a man of fine physique, tall and of commanding appearance, and evidently made a good impression on the members of the conference and also on the citizens of Roanoke who had the good fortune to attend last night's service.

It was announced last night that Dr. Palmer, of New York, missionary secretary of the conference, was at Hotel Roanoke, and would address the conference this evening at 7:30 o'clock, also that Rev. Homer Eaton, D. D., treasurer of the missionary society and publishing agent of the Methodist Book Concern, of Baltimore, was in the city and would also be in attendance at the conference.

On Friday night the Freedman's and Southern Educational Aid Society will be discussed by Dr. Hamilton, of Cincinnati, and on Saturday night the subject of church extension will be taken up by Dr. Hard, of Philadelphia.

It has been arranged by the committee and those families who are entertaining the visiting ministers that meals will be served them in the various homes as follows: Breakfast, 7 a. m.; dinner, 12:15 p. m.; and supper at 6 p. m.

The conference will be presided over by Bishop Mallahan, of Boston.

The morning session will be taken up in organization by the election of officers and the following standing committees: Missionary society, church extension, Sabbath observance, periodicals, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, education, Sunday school Union, tract society, temperance, state of church, to audit present elders' accounts, conference stewards, conference relations, past-offices, district conference minutes and public worship.

The districts included in the conference are as follows: Abingdon, Alexandria, Greenbrier and Roanoke.

The following is the roll of members of the Virginia conference: A. J. Porter, S. Richardson, S. A. Ball, R. A. Scott, C. M. Neff, G. W. Graham, C. W. Ball, W. T. Schooley, J. P. Feltner, A. H. Ingle, G. H. Thompson, D. C. Hedrick, J. K. Rumberg, R. R. Little, W. V. Elliott, N. C. Burkharte, L. N. Pippin, W. A. Sharpe, W. A. Lytle, T. J. Crumley, A. M. Chappell, J. D. Mays, C. B. Myer, G. P. Hannah, A. N. Munday, J. M. Newton, S. P. Shipman, S. C. Morgan, G. W. Stallings, J. Halpenny, W. F. Sheppard, A. R. Snedegar, W. M. Fitzwater, Z. A. Connor, R. H. Clarke, M. W. Atkinson, J. E. Alexander, Robert Chew, C. M. M. Fultz, E. G. Hutchinson and L. J. McDougall.

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## AN UNDESIRABLE DISTINCTION.

New York Man Fined for Expectorating in a Street Car.

New York, March 10.—Thomas Evans, an engineer, has had the distinction conferred upon him of being the first person fined for violation of the rule of board of health prohibiting expectorating in a public conveyance.

Evans, who was riding a trolley car in the Harlem section, defied the conductor when that functionary called his attention to the rule against spitting upon the floor of the car, and the conductor caused his arrest, the police magistrate asserting the dignity of the law by imposing upon the offender a fine of \$5.

## WAR ON BRYAN POPULISTS.

Texas Populist Sends a Letter to Senator Butler.

Dallas, Tex., March 10.—Milton Park, a Populist leader, acting as chairman of a special committee appointed for the purpose at the recent Memphis meeting of the National Reform Press Association, has mailed to Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, national chairman of the Populist party, a letter demanding a meeting of the executive committee on a date not later than May 1.

The letter is said to be in effect a declaration of war on Chairman Butler's policy and a determination to fight what is known as the Bryan Democratic element of the Populist party.

**FOR SOUTHERN PRACTICE.**  
Philadelphia, March 10.—Manager Stallings and eighteen players of the Philadelphia baseball club left here this afternoon on the steamer City of Mecon for Augusta, Ga. The Philadelphia players have all been signed.

## CONVEYED BY ITALY.

Canoe, March 10.—The Mussulmans, who were besieged by the insurgents at Kandamo, have arrived here on board an Italian warship. British and Italian transports are lying off this place.

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## RELEASED ON CONDITION. WENT DOWN TO DEATH.

Scovel Was Set Free Through Private Influences. A Fatal Railway Disaster in Indiana.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THE RELEASE OF THE CORRESPONDENT—MR. SCOVEL'S FAMILY MADE A PERSONAL APPEAL TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

Washington, March 10.—The State Department has received a cable message from Consul General Lee at Havana announcing that the New York correspondent, Sylvester Scovel, was released to-day.

It is learned that the release of Scovel by the Spanish authorities was secured through private representations and not by any application by the United States, either through Secretary Sherman or Secretary Olney.

Soon after Scovel's arrest, Mr. Walter J. Mullins, his brother-in-law, and John McSweeney, of Wooster, O., his attorney, came to Washington to solicit the intervention of the Government in his behalf.

Secretary Olney declined to take any steps in the matter for the reason that Scovel had once been expelled from Cuba and had returned to the island in violation of his parole, under a false name and a false passport.

Mr. Scovel's relatives then sought the good offices of the Spanish minister, who promised to use his efforts to secure Scovel's release upon certain conditions, which are:

First.—That it should be regarded as a personal and not a diplomatic matter, so that it might not be used as a precedent in the future.

Second.—That the newspaper agitation in regard to Scovel's arrest should be stopped.

Third.—That Scovel's father should make an appeal to the government of Spain for Scovel's release as an act of mercy and not as an act of justice.

Mr. Scovel's relatives accepted these conditions, and have done their best to carry them out. The Rev. Mr. Scovel, who is president of Wooster University, sent a very eloquent appeal on behalf of his son, which Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister endorsed with a recommendation for the young man's immediate release, without trial, and forwarded it to the Spanish authorities.

There has been considerable correspondence on the subject between Madrid, Havana and the Spanish legation in Washington, but the intervention of the Department of State has never been exercised or requested since the original interview between Mr. Scovel's relatives and Secretary Olney.

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## A POINTER TO ROANOKE.

Satisfactory Result of Municipal Ownership in Belfast.

Washington, March 10.—The city of Belfast, Ireland, has been making a large profit on the gas works controlled by it. Last year's profit was \$97,377. It has been decided to lower the cost to consumers, although the present price is ridiculously low, according to American standards.

Hereafter gas will be sold for 60 cents per 1,000 feet, instead of 86 cents, and there will be a discount of from 5 to 20 per cent, dependent upon the amount consumed; all this, too, with coal at \$3.09 per ton.

United States Consul Taney at Belfast has supplied the Department of State with a full statement of the cost of producing Belfast's gas, regarding the subject as of interest to American newspapers just now.

## THE GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Washington, March 10.—The crop report of the department of agriculture based on returns from three independent sets of regular correspondents, added to several thousand from mills and elevators, all carefully combined and weighed, relates principally to the distribution of principal grains, the stocks remaining on farms and the proportions of merchantable and unmerchantable. All grain in the hands of farmers, including amounts remaining over from previous years, are included in the estimates given.

## GONE TO HER RELIEF.

Washington, March 10.—Secretary of the Navy Long wired this morning to Captain Sands, of the cruiser Columbia, at Hampton Roads, Va., to proceed to Hatteras with all dispatch to assist the monitor Puritan which is reported disabled near Cape Hatteras.

## CUT OFF NOMINATIONS.

The Way the Senate Settled a Perplexing Question.

THE POLITICIANS OF THE UPPER HOUSE HAVE REACHED NO SOLUTION OF THE SITUATION WHICH CONFRONTS THEM—THE SILVER SENATORS DENY HAVING CONFERRED WITH THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, March 10.—The President today nominated and the Senate confirmed W. R. Jewell to be postmaster at Danville, Illinois, to succeed John Beard, whose nomination was sent in during the previous administration and never confirmed.

During the executive session of the Senate to-day, attention was called to the fact that it having agreed to adjourn until 11:30 o'clock next Monday, an embarrassing condition of affairs would result should any nominations be sent to the Senate on that day.

Mr. McKinley has called an extraordinary session of the Fifty-fifth Congress to convene March 15 at noon. The present special session of the Senate will end at noon on that day. Any nominations sent in would therefore have to be acted upon within the half hour the body would be in session, or they would fail and the President would have to send them again during the regular session.

To obviate such a condition of affairs, it was agreed that the best thing to do was to adjourn sine die and this was done. The Senate was this morning advised that there would be no important nominations before next week.

The Alaskan boundary treaty was reported from the committee.

The Republican Senatorial steering committee met to-day in Senator Allison's room, but no action of any kind was taken. The members received their note late and some did not arrive until the conference was breaking up. While no member of the committee was able to offer a tangible solution to the existing difficulty in connection with the filing of the vacancies on the committees, it was the general impression that no combination having for its purpose the organization of the Senate committees by the silver vote could be made effective.

Several members of the committee, who as individuals have given this question the most painstaking consideration and have held numerous conferences with leaders of both factions of the Democratic party and the bolting Republicans, have reached the conclusion that the differences between these elements are so great and the demands made so incapable of being complied with that it will be utterly impossible for the opposition to concentrate upon any particular plan of action. For this reason members of the committee state that the status quo in the Senate will be maintained and that, ultimately, the vacancies will be filled with Republicans retaining the chairmanships, although owing to Populist representation on some of these committees it will not be possible for the Republicans to fully control the actions of some. Another meeting of the steering committee will be held to-morrow.

A denial is made to the published statement that a compromise has been agreed to, whereby the Republicans are to retain control until December, when the regular session convenes, and at that time a contest for the control of the Senate is to be waged.

The Democratic steering committee had a short conference after the Senate adjourned to-day, but no result came of it.

While the members of both steering committees are very non-committal, it is understood that an agreement will be reached whereby the Republicans will fill the vacancies in the committees caused by the retirement of the men who were appointed as Republicans and that the Democrats will fill their vacancies.

Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, appears to be slated for the place of Mr. Sherman on the finance committee. Senator Jones, of Nevada, will vote for a tariff bill without a free silver rider being attached, and will oppose putting on a rider if the free silver men attempt it in committee.

Mr. Platt, of New York, made a strong fight of the place on the finance committee, but his long absence from the Senate militated against him.

Mr. Allison will remain as chairman of the committee on appropriations. With this condition of affairs in that committee neither Senators Teller nor Pettigrew will be disturbed. Senators Pettigrew, Teller and Cannon, three of the bolting silver Republicans, are quoted in dispatches in the morning papers as having yesterday, during their visit to the White House, assured the President that they would not stand in the way of or object to any tariff scheme that might be suggested by the administration. These Senators wish the Southern Associated Press to say for them that they called upon Mr. McKinley simply to pay their respects and they add with emphasis that during the time they were in the presence of the executive the subjects of tariff, silver and patronage were not mentioned or referred to even in the most indirect manner by either of the parties.

Sweet solos at the Christian Church to-morrow night.

## PLEADING FOR JACKSON.

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—T. J. Crawford, of Newport, an attorney for Scott Jackson, this morning presented Governor Bradley his brief and petition for the pardon of his client. The papers are a foot thick and it will take the governor two days to go over them.

## THEY USE THE BEST.

Although the Boston Stars number but four, each is of the first magnitude. They will use the Behr Grand piano on Friday night at the Academy of Music.

## ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

The Special Session of the Senate Comes to a Close.

SENATOR HOAR GAVE NOTICE OF TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE, IF ADOPTED, RADICAL INNOVATIONS UPON THE CENTURY-OLD PRACTICES OF THAT CONSERVATIVE BODY.

Washington, March 10.—There was an unusually large attendance of senators at the opening of to-day's session in the Senate. Ex-Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, now minister to Mexico, was on the floor and was cordially greeted by his former associates.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the communication from Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, setting forth that he had appointed A. T. Wood as Senator from that State, to supply a vacancy. The communication having been read a motion was made by Mr. Hoar that Mr. Wood be now admitted to take the oath.

Mr. Gorman—the Senator, of course, understands the question involved in this matter. I move, as a substitute, that the communication and credentials be referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Hoar—Under present circumstances I do not expect to antagonize the motion of the Senator from Maryland.

Mr. Gorman's substitute was agreed to; and Mr. Wood's credentials were referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Hoar gave notice of two amendments to the rules, which were read. They were both radical innovations upon the practice of the Senate for a century past. The first, according to the notice presented by Mr. Hoar, was to enable the Senate to act on legislation when it decides, "after reasonable debate," it provided that when any bill or resolution had been under consideration more than one day, any Senator could demand that the debate be closed.

The other was in relation to calls of the Senate, so that if a suggestion be made of the absence of a quorum the presiding officer, instead of instantly ordering a call to be made, shall determine the matter and report whether there is a quorum present, and if not the roll is to be called. The purpose of this proposed change was stated to be "to prevent the interruption of business by unnecessary calling of the roll."

Mr. Shoup, of Idaho, presented a memorial from the legislature of Idaho asking for the annexation of portions of Wyoming to that State.

Mr. Warren, of Wyoming, referred to the memorial as an attempt to have a portion of a good and fertile State added to a somewhat dry and barren one, and intimated that opposition to it would be made in proper time.

The Senate then proceeded to executive business, and at 12:40 adjourned without day.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

Richmond, Va., March 10.—Following are to-day's supreme court of appeals proceedings:

Kibler vs. Commonwealth. Further argued by R. S. Parks, Commonwealth's attorney of Page county, for the Commonwealth, and Hon. Marshall McCormick for plaintiff in error, and submitted.

Haskin Wood Vulcanizing Company vs. Cleveland Shipbuilding Company. Argued by James B. Cato for appellant and A. T. Barr.

Pryor vs. Commonwealth and Kerfoot's executor vs. Shenandoah Valley National Bank. Submitted.

The resolutions of the bar association in respect of Judge W. W. Crump will be presented to the court to-morrow morning by Judge Staples after the opinions are read.

The next case to be called will be the New York Life Insurance Company vs. Davis and others.

## SUGAR SCHEDULE FINISHED.

Washington, March 10.—The sugar schedule was finished to-day by the Republican members of the ways and means committee. The differential duty was placed at 1-8 cent a pound. A countervailing duty were fixed so as to equalize the net amount of the bounty—that is to say the exact amount of the bounty less any internal revenue tax levied. The woolen schedule was taken up at the afternoon and evening sessions and several tentative rates adopted, but another session will be necessary before the schedule is completed.

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